

# JAINA Education Books

The JAINA Education Committee is pleased to present a set of JAINA Education books (revised 3rd edition) for all ages of students interested in learning Jainism.

The soft copy of the books and ordering information is available on the JAIN eLibrary website <http://www.jainelibrary.org/>

The education books are grouped into four age levels:

## ***JAINA Education Books***

<b>Series</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Name</b>
JES-101	Level -1	05 to 09	\$5.00	Jain Activity Book
JES-102	Level -1	05 to 09	\$5.00	Jainism I-Basics of Jainism
JES-103	Level -1	05 to 09	\$3.00	Jain Alphabet Book
JES-104	Level -1	05 to 09	\$3.00	Jain Moral Skits
JES-202	Level -2	10 to 12	\$6.00	Jain Story Book
JES-203	Level -2	10 to 12	\$6.00	First Step to Jainism
JES-203Q	Level -2	10 to 12	\$3.00	Work Book - First Step to Jainism
JES-302	Level -3	13 to 15	\$4.00	Jain Philosophy and Practice I
JES-401	Level -4	16 up	\$8.00	Jain Philosophy and Practice II

## **Reference Material**

JES 901	\$1.00	Jainism – Religion of Compassion and Ecology
JES 911	\$1.00	Essence of World Religions
JES 921	\$1.00	The Book of Compassion (English)
JES 922	\$1.00	The Book of Compassion (Gujarati) Printed
JES 931	\$1.00	English Pratikraman
CD	\$3.00	JAINA Education CD
DVD	\$5.00	JAINA E-Library 2DVDs – 600 pdf books 72 DPI Resolution

## ***Level-1 Books (Ages 5-9 Years)***

### **The Jain Activity Book (JES 101 - Level 1)**

This book is a lively and delightful approach to introduce Jainism to our children. With big color pictures of the Tirthankars' Lanchhans and Tirthankar's Mother's Dreams, this book is very user friendly for all children. Puzzles, mazes and questions at the end of the book will make learning very interesting. Simple explanations of Pujā, Arati, and symbols can help our children understand the meaning and importance of our traditions and rituals.

### **Jainism I-Basics of Jainism (JES 102 - Level 1)**

The book focuses on non-violence, vegetarianism, and universal virtues such as kindness and honesty. This way by exposing young children to Jain virtues at an early age, we are well on the path keeping Jainism alive in the Western world. The book consists of 28 lessons which include more than 150 color photos.

### **Jain Alphabet Book (JES 103 - Level 1)**

This book introduces Jainism in an ABC format. 26 different words, from A to Z, are accompanied by pictures and explain cardinal principles of Jainism and Jain vocabulary. A for

Ahimsa, M for Mahāvīr, and F for forgiveness are just some examples of the terminology represented in this book.

### **The Jain Moral Skits (JES 104 - Level 1)**

This book teaches very fundamental and important life lessons like honesty, truthfulness, sharing, humility, and friendship through simple skits that can be performed easily in the classroom with simple props. It also has helpful little stage directions for performing the skits. Children will relate very well to the simple drawings and humorous tone of this book.

### **Tirthankar Game (Out of Stock)**

This game is a complement to the above book. This game creates an interest in the young mind to learn about Tirthankar's name, birth place, parents' names, and more.

## ***Level-2 Books (Ages 10-12 Years)***

### **Jain Story Book (JES 202 - Level 2)**

The Jain Story Book, written very informatively, has beautiful color pictures to go with every story, and is in fact valuable for readers of all ages. Reading life stories of various Tirthankars, Ganadhars, Āchāryas, and Shrāvaks will make us all proud of our rich heritage. Every story includes an inspiring Key Message, highlighted at the end. This very attractive book is a must for all Jain household.

### **The First Step of Jainism (JES 203 - Level 2)**

This stunning full-color book is a unique approach to connect Jain principles to everyday life. Basic principles of Jainism are thoroughly explained and Jain values are exemplified with both stories from scriptures and more modern parables. Poems, anecdotes, and quotes from scriptures scattered throughout enliven the pages. Also included is a chapter on the practical aspects of Jainism, such as nutrition, consumer goods, and the environment that help us make conscious choices to lead a life of nonviolence. At the end of the book is an illustrated section on yoga and a glossary of Jain vocabulary. This beautiful book is essential for every Jain household.

### **Work Book of First Step of Jainism Book (JES 203Q – Level 2)**

This is a companion book to First Step of Jainism (JES203). The work book will provide needed assistance to Pāthashālā teachers and students of Level 2 classes. It contains home work lessons of every chapter of the text book.

## ***Level-3 Books (Ages 13-15 Years)***

### **Jain Philosophy and Practice I (JES 302 - Level 3)**

This book presents an introduction to the tenets of Jainism, in a methodical way. Concepts include Jain theism, the theory of Karma, the five major and twelve minor vows, and a brief synopsis of Jain history and more. The chapter on the application of non-violence in everyday life and its relevance to preserving the environment makes a solid ground for practicing Ahimsa. This introductory text encourages youth to learn more about Jainism.

## ***Level-4 Books (Ages 15 up Years)***

### **Jain Philosophy and practice II (JES 401 - Level 4)**

This book covers all major subject matter of Jainism in a very comprehensive style. Topics like threefold path of liberation, codes of conduct and vows of an ascetic and a householder,

meditation, contemplation, stages of spiritual development, theory of multiplicity of view points, six fundamental truths, Jain history, and Jain Āgam literature are explained in detail with Jain terminology and its meaning. This book will be very useful for advanced study of Jainism for a high school or a college student.

## **Reference Books**

### **Jainism – Religion of Compassion and Ecology (JES 901)**

This booklet provides a basic introduction of the Jain religion to English speaking Jain youth of North America and other countries. It briefly covers various aspects of Jain philosophy, ethics, conduct, scriptures, religious holidays, prayers, symbols, and the life of Lord Mahāvīr. It is also helpful for a beginner of Jainism as it touches important aspects of Jainism in an easy manner. Several Jain temples give this book to its visitors.

### **Essence of World Religions (JES 911)**

This book is a simple summary of the world's 12 major spiritual paths. With its easy readability you can get a good grasp of the essential truths of every major faith practiced today. Information about the founder, major scriptures, sects, beliefs and holidays is given in a concise manner. Comparison between Indian and western religion at the end of the book is very helpful in understanding the concepts clearly.

### **The Book of Compassion (JES 921)**

This book is a compilation of informative articles about animal cruelty in dairy industry, animal byproducts used in everyday goods, animal testing for cosmetics, and meat industry's effect on polluting the environment. It also gives useful information on use of alternative products to avoid violence, so we can live an ethical and compassionate life.

### **The Book of Compassion (In Gujarati) (JES 922)**

The above book is translated in Gujarati.

### **English Pratikraman (JES 931)**

In this ritual, we have maintained the traditional flavor of original sutras along with their essence and meaning. Pratikraman means to go back, to reflect and review, to confess and atone for transgressions of mind, body, and speech in one's daily activities. It also means returning to and reaffirming the path of nonviolence, truthfulness, and non-attachment. The English Pratikraman Book includes the sutras from various Shvetāmbar traditions. The meaning of each Pratikramana Sutras is explained in simple English, which covers six essentials. This way youth can perform this ritual with proper understanding.

### **English Pratikraman (JES 933)**

*In this ritual book, we have compiled three rituals of Swetambar temple traditions;*

*Ashta Prakari Puja – Performing Puja by using 8 different types of material.*

*Mother Trishala's 14 or 16 dreams ritual*

*Shanti Kalash Ritual*

### **Education CD (Out of Stock)**

The CD contains about 2000 text and graphic files, which cover a variety of information on Jainism. All told, the CD has about 10,000 pages of total printed material. It covers the fundamentals of Jainism, and includes several textbooks on Jainism by Āchāryas and scholars. In the special Jain Presentations section there are very interesting Powerpoint presentations about

the Tattvārtha Sutra, Pratikraman, the basics of Jainism, Anekāntavāda, Tirths in India, and much more.

### **JAINA E-Library DVD**

The Jaina E-Library DVD set (two DVDs in a set) which contain more than 600 E-Books (pdf format- Low Resolution). We are left with small quantities of DVDs in stock. You can still purchase the DVD set for \$5.00 + postage. We do not plan to make DVDs of the new books. They will be available on the above website.